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INTERVIEW SUMMARY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.133

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the last paragraph of the Examiner's Interview Summary (Form PTOL-413, Paper No. 04232004). Herein, the substance of the interview is provided for the record.

REMARKS

The last paragraph of the Interview Summary sheet (paper no. 04232004) provided with the Notice of Allowance of 12/03/2004 requires Applicant to record the substance of the relevant Examiner interview where such is not included in the formal written reply to the last Office Action. Since the interview at issue occurred *after* the last Office Action, Applicant's response thereto naturally does not include a summary of the interview. Hence the present submission.

Applicant's representative conducted an interview on 22 April 2004 with the Examiner. An amendment to the claims was discussed which would remedy a typographical error in Applicant's amendment of 12 April 2004. Therein, Applicant unintentionally and erroneously entered two claims numbered as "23". The Examiner proposed amendment, which was discussed in the interview, involved renumbering the latter of these two claims as number "27". Applicant agreed to this amendment and instructed the Examiner to enter the amendment via Examiner's Amendment.

Also in the interview, a proposed amendment to claims 13, 15, and 16 was discussed. The discussed amendment was intended to clarify these claims by converting some of the existing language to gerund ("ing"-type) method claim language and by rectifying several antecedent basis issues. This discussion lead to Applicant's facsimile submission of 26 July 2004 and resulted in the present Examiner's amendment.

The provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2, 1.133 and MPEP 713.04 are herein satisfied. Entry hereof and issuance of a patent on the present application is respectfully requested.

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